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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 1998, please amend this application as follows, and consider the following remarks.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the text of the Abstract of the Disclosure, at the last page of the application, and replace it with the following:

ABSTRACT A currency identification system identifies currency bills of different denominations of a plurality of currency systems. The device includes a discriminating unit for discriminating the identity of a bill, the discriminating unit retrieving characteristic information from the bill. Furthermore, a memory stores master characteristic information associated with each genuine bill which the system is capable of identifying; the memory